THE ECONOMICS HAVE CHANGED: UPDATING THE COALITION'S FLAGSHIP GUIDE FOR MINISTERS OF FINANCE

THE PLAYBOOK FOR FINANCE MINISTERS WHO WANT TO LEAD WHAT COMES NEXT

The economics of growth, competitiveness, and security are changing. A low-carbon, nature-positive economy is increasingly the economically compelling path, not just the environmentally responsible one. This represents a unique window of opportunity: energy security, supply chain reliability, and long-term competitiveness now point in the same direction as decarbonization and resilience. Clean energy is already cheaper than fossil alternatives in most markets. New industries and trade patterns are reshaping where economic value is created. And with over half of global GDP depending on nature and ecosystem services that are degrading rapidly, protecting natural capital is becoming a core fiscal imperative. The countries that act on these converging signals will capture the growth opportunities of the coming decades.

For Finance Ministers, this creates a pivotal moment to drive transition and resilience enhancing opportunities. Smart fiscal policy, strategic public investment, and the reform of subsidies that harm both climate and nature can unlock new sources of growth, strengthen fiscal resilience, and protect the natural capital on which economies depend. The Coalition's Flagship Guide, currently being updated for launch at the October 2026 Annual Meetings, provides a practical framework for how Ministries of Finance can act on these opportunities using the levers they already hold.

THE SCALE OF THE SHIFT

$3.6 trillion in annual revenue from transforming food and land use systems, creating **191 million new jobs** by 2030
91% of new renewable capacity in 2024 generated electricity cheaper than the cheapest fossil fuel option
$44 trillion of economic value generation depends on nature — and the financial system is catching up. Over 320 organisations representing $4 trillion in market capitalisation and $14 trillion in assets under management have committed to nature-related financial disclosures

THE RETURNS ON RESILIENCE

Up to 15% GDP boost in vulnerable economies by 2050 through adaptation investment, while strengthening fiscal stability and reducing debt risk
4:1 benefit-cost ratio on adaptation**, with a 25% annual average return** rate, among the strongest risk-adjusted returns available to public investment
$30 in ecosystem services **for every $1 invested** in restoration, spanning food security, water provision, and climate resilience

THREE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCE MINISTERS

Energy Sovereignty
Build domestic capacity, reduce fiscal exposure

Investing in renewables, grid modernization, and battery storage builds domestic energy capacity that reduces import dependence and stabilizes public finances. Solar and wind are now the cheapest sources of new electricity in most markets. For energy-importing economies especially, this is a path to both security and savings.

Growth & Competitiveness
Capture new industries, create jobs

New trade dynamics, such as carbon border adjustments, and the clean technology race are redrawing global commerce. Sustainable food and land use systems represent a major new source of economic value. Ministries of Finance that create enabling fiscal environments and invest strategically in clean industries, nature-positive growth, and infrastructure will generate the growth sectors of the coming decades.

Fiscal Resilience
Protect budgets, strengthen creditworthiness

Countries investing in adaptation, climate-resilient infrastructure, and the protection of natural capital are safeguarding future budgets and strengthening their creditworthiness. Ecosystem degradation erodes natural assets on which fiscal revenues depend; restoring them is among the highest-return public investments available. Modest resilience investments can deliver a significant fiscal dividend.

THE COALITION'S FLAGSHIP GUIDE: A PRACTICAL RESOURCE FOR YOUR MINISTRY

The guide provides a practical framework for how Ministries of Finance can act on these opportunities using the levers they already hold:

F1: Economic Strategy and Vision Shaping national development and climate plans, including investment strategies	**F2: Fiscal Policy** Reforming tax, pricing and budget instruments	**F3: Financing** Reforming financial policy and the financial system to raise, blend and steer finance
C1: Leadership Strengthening governance, mandates, institutional set-up and senior leadership	**C2: Coordination** Enhancing coordination and collaboration for whole-of-government and economy climate action	**C3: Human and Analytical Capability** Building staffing, expertise and enhanced economic decision-making tools

Key features of the update: New content on three priority topics identified by members: **adaptation and resilience, nature and biodiversity, and economic, fiscal and financial instruments to stimulate industrial transformation, trade and competitiveness.** Updated illustration of why climate and nature action is sound economic policy. A stronger focus on practical 'how-to' guidance that reflects the capacity constraints and political economy realities Ministries of Finance face, particularly in EMDEs. A modular website with a searchable case study database drawing on concrete country experiences.

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Member countries	Ministries of Finance consulted	Steering Committee members	Launch at IMF/WB Annual Meetings

YOUR INPUT WILL SHAPE THE FINAL GUIDE

This guide exists to help policymakers seize the opportunities ahead and navigate the transition with confidence. Ahead of its launch at the October 2026 Annual Meetings, **we are seeking your input to ensure it reflects the priorities that matter most to your Ministry**. We welcome your advice on the areas outlined above and invite you to share country experiences that could strengthen the guide for all Coalition members.

Sources: IRENA, Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2024; WEF/SYSTEMIQ, The Future of Nature and Business 2020; WEF, New Nature Economy Report; TNFD, 2024; Systemiq, Returns on Resilience 2025; UNEP, Becoming #GenerationRestoration 2021

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